**Blackberries: tasty terror**

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Key: \_\_\_\_\_ = Cause

\_\_\_\_\_ = Effect

Paragraph One:

People also thought it was a good idea to plant blackberries along the sides of streams to stop the soil from being washed away. Within 20 years, wild blackberries had become a serious weed.

Paragraph Two:

Weeds are plants that take over an area so that few other plants can live there. Blackberries are one of Australia’s most damaging weeds because they spread quickly and in many different ways.

Paragraph three:

The canes grow over the top of many other plants and block out the light so these other plants die. Each year some old blackberry canes die, making a thorny thicket in the middle of the blackberry patch.

Paragraph five:

Suckers grow up from the roots and start new plants.

Paragraph Six:

Council workers often spray wild blackberries with poison to try to get rid of them